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REMARKS**§ 103 Rejections**

Claims 1-18 and 23-25 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prakash (US Pub. No. 2005/0017628) in view of Kakinuma et al. (US 6579422).

Claims 19-22 and 26-29 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prakash (US Pub. No. 2005/0017628) and Kakinuma et al. (US 6579422) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Cok (US 6787990).

According to MPEP 706.02(j), to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First there must be some suggestion or motivation in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the references or to combine reference teachings. Second there must be reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art references must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art and not based on applicant's disclosure.

The examiner acknowledges that Prakash does not teach "advancing a web comprising a flexible substrate or conductive substrate in a direction, wherein at least one electrode layer is continuous in the direction of the advancing web."

The examiner further alleges that Kakinuma teaches electrode layer 8 is continuous in the direction of the advancing web, relying on col 4, lines 1-25 and Fig. 2.

The Applicant submits that electrode layer 8 is clearly discontinuous in the direction of the advancing web. Accordingly, Kakinuma does not overcome the deficiencies of the primary reference.

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The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the PCT Search Report being concurrently submitted with this response as well as a translation of JP 2002-367774. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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